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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Beals, John M. et al.)
For : Erythropoietic Compounds)
Docket No. : X-12553)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231
Sir:

In the Specification

Please add the following paragraph on the first page of the Specification immediately following the title:

This Application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/110289 filed November 30, 1998 and PCT Application Serial No. PCT/US99/27801 filed November 23, 1999.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1 through 32 and add the following new claims: